

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 178-257 were presented for examination. No claims have been added, amended, or canceled. Accordingly, claims 178-257 are presently pending.

Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner has identified two inventions, identified as Group I and Group II, which are considered to be patentably distinct. Claims 178-251 and 253-256 drawn to compositions and oral dosage forms are considered within Group I, and claims 252 and 257 are considered within Group II. As a result, the Examiner has required applicants to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits.

Election of Invention

Applicants elect the invention of Group I.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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